

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to congratulate Ana Baracaldo for earning a Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



Introduced

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Whereas, created in 1995, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards are presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is America's largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteerism;

Whereas, this prestigious award honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities. In the 11th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, Ana Baracaldo of Converse was named the top high school volunteer in Indiana for 2006. She is a senior at Oak Hill High School;

Whereas, Miss Baracaldo earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to provide Spanish-language books to children at a needy school in her native country of Colombia. She founded "Books for Peace" after discovering that many children in rural areas of Colombia only go to school through eighth grade, that illiteracy rates are shockingly high there, and that young people often end up working in coca fields because of a lack of education;



Whereas, she aspires to give the Colombian youth a chance to share her love of books and allow them to say no to cocaine farming by educating themselves. With support from her parents, Miss Baracaldo created a brochure, spoke at churches and Rotary Clubs, wrote to publishers for donations, and solicited funds from companies, community groups, and friends. After collecting more than \$3,000 worth of books and \$2,000 in cash, she contacted the Colombian Ministry of Education to find a school that needed a library; and

Whereas, as a State Honoree, Miss Baracaldo will receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C., May 6-9 for a series of national recognition events. On May 8, a prestigious national selection committee will select five National Honorees from the high school State Honorees. The National Honorees receive additional \$5,000 awards, gold medallions, crystal trophies, and \$5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit, charitable organizations of their choice: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates and
- 2 honors Miss Ana Baracaldo as a recipient of a Prudential Spirit of
- 3 Community Award. Recognizing her outstanding record of volunteer
- 4 service, peer leadership, and community spirit, the Indiana General
- 5 Assembly wishes Miss Baracaldo continued success in her future
- 6 endeavors.
- 7 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 8 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Ana Baracaldo and her parents;
- 9 Oak Hill High School Principal, Joel Martin; and Oak Hill United
- 10 School Corporation Superintendent, James W. Smith.

